

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

A meeting of the Emergency Commission was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, in the Governor's Conference Room. Present in the conference room were Governor John Hoeven, Senator Bob Stenehjem, Senator Ray Holmberg, and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Representative Ken Svedjan participated via telephone conference call. Governor Hoeven called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.

Requests identified with an asterisk will be forwarded for the December 8, 2004, meeting of the Legislative Budget Section Committee per the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 54-16-04.1 and N.D.C.C. § 54-16-04.2.

1. Department of Financial Institutions (Request # 1527)

Request approval for a line item transfer of \$27,500 from salaries line to operating line (\$27,500) for travel and training expenditures in order to maintain state bank examination schedule and quality standards.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. Voting yes were Hoeven, Stenehjem, Holmberg, and Jaeger. Voting no was Svedjan. Motion carried.

2. North Dakota Division of Emergency Management * (Request # 1528)

Request transfer of \$91,125 from the state contingency fund and approval for increased spending authority for the grants/transfers line (\$91,125) to provide payment to the USDA Forest Service for interagency suppression and support costs incurred on state and private lands related to fires at Magpie Camp, Whitetail, and Deep Creek.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

3. North Dakota Game and Fish Department * (Request # 1529)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$100,000 to accept federal funds from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State Wildlife Grant program, for grants line (\$100,000) to fund a temporary two-year term Science Coordinator position at The Nature Conservancy (January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006) to provide guidance to agency biologists charged with the development and delivery of the state's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

4. North Dakota Game and Fish Department * (Request # 1530)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$100,000 to accept federal funds from the Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration Act (\$75,000) and from the Game and Fish Operating Fund (\$25,000) for capital improvements line (\$100,000) to repair leaking fish rearing ponds located at the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery to prevent decrease in their production capacity.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

5. Career and Technical Education * (Request # 1531)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$138,586 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education, Transition to Teaching in North Dakota grant, for operating line (\$138,586) for professional development and planned support designed to develop highly qualified teachers from existing pool of eligible individuals.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Rep. Svedjan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

6. **Career and Technical Education * (Request # 1532)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$355,000 to accept federal funds from U.S. Department of Labor, Incentive Grant, for operating line (\$147,375) and grants line (\$207,625) to be used to expand opportunities for students in several areas related to career and technical education.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

7. **Department of Agriculture – Board of Animal Health * (Request # 1533)**

Request approval for two FTE positions, funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Identification Information Act, which funding was approved by the Emergency Commission for receipt and increased spending authority when it approved request # 1525 on September 29, 2004.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval with the added stipulation that the FTE are only authorized as long as the positions are federally funded. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

8. **Department of Agriculture - Board of Animal Health (Request # 1534)**

Request transfer of \$3,825 from the state contingency fund and approval for increased spending authority for operating line to reimburse a beef producer for expenses related to discovery of anthrax in herd.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

9. **Secretary of State (Request # 1535)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$44,637 to accept Other Funds for operating line (\$44,637) to allow expenditures from agency's General Services Operating Special Fund needed to cover corresponding increased expenses resulting from increased revenues generated.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Note: The following three requests were each related to the same subject, i.e., the purchase of the Ebert Ranch in Billings County. No action was taken.

10. **North Dakota Game and Fish Department * (Request 1536)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$423,865 to accept from the Game and Fish Operating Fund (\$423,865) to pass-through to the Parks and Recreation Department to support purchase of the Ebert Ranch in Billings County, which will guarantee hunting and fishing access on the property.

11. **North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department * (Request 1537)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$423,865 to accept pass-through funds for the grants line (\$23,865) for purchase of the Ebert Ranch in Billings County to include additional funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and private conservation groups.

12. **North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department * (Request 1538)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$300,000 to accept loan proceeds from the Bank of North Dakota (\$200,000) and pass-through funds from the Department of Commerce (\$100,000) for Grants line (\$300,000) to support purchase of Ebert Ranch as authorized in N.D.C.C. § 55-08-01.3(4,5,8).

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State
Secretary to Emergency Commission